

Aug 9, 1854

Henry David Thoreau published
"Walden," which described his
experiences while living near
Walden Pond in Massachusetts.

Nov. 5, 1854

INKERMAN

The Russians 50,000 strong attacked Inkerman, a seaport of the Crimea held by 8,000 British troops. The besiegers were kept at bay until French reinforcements relieved the British, when the Russians retreated with a loss of about 9,000 men.

Oct 25, 1854

Battle of BALACLAVA (BALAKLAVA)

British - French forces repulsed
Russian assault and

Carleton attacked with famous
Charge of the Light Brigade

Oct 25, 1854

Charge of Light Brigade
Crimean War

James Thomas Brudenell, Seventh
Earl of Cardigan led the British
Cavalry against the Russians
in the Battle of BALAKLAVA

1855 Lyd Tennyson wrote
the Poem.

1854-64

Knights of the Golden Circle
Secret order of Northerners sympathetic
to the South before & during the
U.S. Civil War, made up of Copperheads,
1854-64

1864 reorganized as Order of the Sons of
Liberty, with Clement L. Vallandigham
(July 29, 1820 - June 17, 1871) as commander

Feb 28, 1854

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met in Ripon, Wis. to call
for the creation of a new
political group which became
the Republican Party

1854

Pope Pius IX declared that
Mary was preserved from
Original Sin by virtue of special
grace of God and in view of
her being the mother of Christ
Immaculate Conception

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1854-1856

The Crimean War

Britain's 1st European War since
"Waterloo"

Charge of Light Brigade
Pioneering work of Florence Nightingale
Investigative reporting of "London Times"
W. H. Russell

1854

Perry started trade
between Japan and
countries of the West

1854/55

Livingstone explored the
Zambesi River

Mar 8, 1854

U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry
made his 2nd landing in Japan.
Within a month, he concluded
a treaty with the Japanese.

Mar. 31, 1854

Treaty of Kanagawa
U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry
(Apr 10, 1794 - Mar 4, 1858) signed
treaty with Japan, establishing
limited U.S.-Japanese trade
and U.S. Consulate in Japan

May 26, 1854

Kansas - Nebraska Act.

Repealed Missouri Compromise;
all U.S. states and territories
free to choose on question of
slavery; territories of Kansas
and Nebraska formed.

Dec. 8, 1854

Pope Pius IX proclaimed the
dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Sept 27, 1854

The first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean Liner occurred when the steamship Arctic sank, with 300 people aboard.

1854

Japan was opened to U.S.
trade by Commodore Matthew
C. Perry